competitive pricing & powers for marketing both in the domestic and international markets, to enable the PUs to function even more efficiently.

ROB/RUB in Punjab

5219. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of rail under/over bridges in Punjab as on date;

(b) the number of rail under/over bridges which are under construction;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to construct more rail over/under bridges in the State;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) 46

(b) 12

(c) Yes, Sir. 20 new works of road over/under bridges have been sanctioned during Works Programme of 2003-04 on cost sharing basis.

(d) and (e) Railways undertake construction of Road over/under bridges in lieu of existing level crossings on cost sharing basis, if traffic density at the level crossing is one lakh or more Train Vehicle Units (TVU – a unit obtained by multiplying the number of Trains with the number of road vehicles passing over the level crossing in 24 hours) otherwise on deposit terms. Proposals in both cases have to be sponsored by State Govt. fulfilling certain preliminary pre-requisites required under extant rules. State Govt. has been furnished with a list of such level crossings which have the traffic density of one lakh and more TVUs and requested to sponsor proposals for over/under bridges in lieu thereof.

Detection of missing Rail clips

† 5220. SHRI MOTILAL VORA :
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) steps taken by Government to avert the accidents due to the increase in the incidents of missing/removing of Rail-clips, fishplates,

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of clips fixed on rail tracks had been found missing on 22nd February, 2003 in the Sultan Puri area of North West Delhi; and

(c) if so, names of the persons found responsible for the incident ?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.